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Open Letter to UN Secretary-General António Guterres

Dark Red Alert for the Survival of Mankind

Dear Mr. UN Secretary-General António Guterres,

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In our first letter to you, dated April 27, we, as the "Fridays For Future – ICC Climate Action" group, not only informed you about the scientists' findings of three very soon occurring Amazon climate tipping points by the ongoing massive man-made destruction of the Amazon rainforest and so about the shocking near danger of irreversible global climate collapse and extinction of mankind.

We informed you as well about the possible international law solution to organize an Emergency Special Session of the UN General Assembly to start massive protective measures by Article 68 Rome Statute to stop the destruction of the Amazon at once.

We informed you about the possibility to ask the UN General Assembly to expand the so far insufficient UN Appeal Strategy. From simply asking political leaders and heads of industry and finance to comply with the Paris Agreement in order to preserve humanity, we must move on to giving the International Criminal Court the most powerful order to immediately begin prosecuting all those heads of state, industry, and finance, especially President Bolsonaro, for crime against humanity, who are massively violating the Paris Agreement thereby causing the extinction of mankind.

But for two and a half months, you, as one of the most responsible people on earth for saving the climate and by that mankind, did not begin to organize this existential Emergency Special Session meeting. Instead, you forwarded our letter to the President of the UN General Assembly, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande - without any result until today.

While we, the "FridaysForFuture - ICC Climate Action" group and I have been nominated for your "The Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change", the climate catastrophe to mankind could get stopped by you, contacting just one UN member state, to convene the Emergency Special Session.

Last August, the man-made fires in the Amazon rainforest got out of control and developed into huge devastating forest fires. With the tipping point described below, only two weeks remain to stop this irreversible global catastrophe from happening again. We need clear decisions and orders through an emergency resolution of the Emergency Special Session now! The three-month Brazilian fire moratorium ends in August.

The massive cutting down of trees is supported by draft law 191/20 which legalizes the illegal land grabbing and destruction of the Amazon and so has to be forbidden by the UN.

The IPCC said in 2018, that for a 66 percent probability of limiting global warming to 1.5°C 420 gigatons are left to emit. Minus 100 gigatons of melting permafrost and minus 40 gigatons of global consumption per year since then, leaves us a total global budget of 240 gigatons.

The best science says, that the Amazon tipping point is between 20-25 percent. The momentary destruction is at 20 percent already! By reaching the irreversible tipping point the Amazon will emit 290-440 gigatons CO₂. So to limit global warming to 1.5°C and by that save our planet for mankind, it is crucial to stop this, in August happening tipping point!

Even the protests of the international industry and the international financial system are not heard by President Bolsonaro. They themselves, with their enormous profits from the destruction of the Amazon rainforest, are therefore incapable of solving this problem.

As an Emergency Special Session can be organized by rules of procedure rule 9(b), using Resolution 377 A (V), within very few days, we urge you to organize this most crucial Emergency Special Session for this Sunday, July 19, 2020, as the survival of mankind, world peace, and international security are reliant on it.

Best regards,

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